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## G-7 Leaders Signal Solidarity on Russia Sanctions

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Associated Press

ELMAU, Germany (AP) —

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Sunday she expects a meeting of the Group of Seven industrialized democracies to produce a "united signal" that sanctions against Russia can only be softened if a February peace accord for Ukraine is fully implemented.

Even before the issue was brought to the table, most of the leaders had already expressed their support for the idea.

This year's meeting of the leading industrialized democracies was the second in a row without Russia, which was ejected from what was the G-8 last year over its actions in Ukraine. Even with President Vladimir Putin absent, Russia was prominent in the leaders' minds as they gathered in the Bavarian Alps.

Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama agreed during a pre-summit bilateral meeting that the dura-

tion of sanctions imposed upon Moscow should be "clearly linked to Russia's full implementation of the Minsk" peace accord agreed in February, the White House said in a statement. Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, another summit participant, were central to drawing up that accord. Later, Merkel stressed anew in an interview with Germany's public ZDF television that sanctions are not an end in themselves and they "can be dispensed with when the conditions under which they were introduced are no longer there and the problems are resolved."

She said that "we have a chance if everyone makes an effort — that is to some extent in Russia's hands and of course in Ukraine's." Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Kiev before heading to the summit in Germany and pledged to make sure that "solidarity with Ukraine" was also on the agenda for the next G-7, which is being held in



US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron wait for media to position before speaking during a bilateral meeting during the G-7 summit in Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, southern Germany, Sunday, June 7, 2015.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Japan, his spokesman Yasuhisa Kawamura told a small group of reporters. This year, he said, Japan's main goal is that all sides abide by the Minsk agreement.

"That is our goal and for

that ... all G-7 leaders should show a common approach," Kawamura said.

Heading into the talks, British Prime Minister David Cameron said he would push for Europe to stand

firm with sanctions against Russia even though some countries — especially cash-strapped Greece — were suffering economically because of declining investment and tourists from Russia. □



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## Governor: 2 inmates must have taken days to pull off escape

**DANNEMORA, New York (AP)** — Two murderers who used power tools to escape from a New York state prison must have taken days to cut through steel walls and pipes and break through the bricks, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday as a \$100,000 reward was posted for information leading to their capture. Authorities were investigating how the inmates obtained the power tools they used in the breakout over the weekend.

"It was sophisticated plan," Cuomo said. "It took a period of time, no doubt, to execute." To escape, the inmates had to cut into a steam pipe then shimmy "some distance," Cuomo said, before cutting themselves out again. Their alleged path conjured images of "The Shawshank Redemption," the 1994 film adaptation of a Stephen King story about an inmate's carefully planned prison escape. The two escapees were both convicted killers.

David Sweat, 34, was serving a sentence of life without parole for the 2002 killing of a sheriff's deputy. Richard Matt, 48, had been sentenced to 25 years to life for kidnapping, killing and dismembering his former boss in 1997. "These are killers. They are murderers," the governor said. "There's never been a question about the crimes they committed. They are now on the loose, and our first order of business is apprehending them." Officials gave no details on



This combination made from photos released by the New York State Police shows inmates David Sweat, left, and Richard Matt. Authorities on Saturday, June 6, 2015 said Sweat, 34, and Matt, 48, both convicted murderers, escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, N.Y.

(New York State Police via AP)

how the men managed to avoid detection while they were cutting their way out. Cuomo said someone must have heard at least some of the noise.

"They had to be heard," Cuomo told ABC's "Good Morning America."

After the search for the two prisoners is over, authorities will conduct a full review of the escape, Cuomo said later Sunday. "We'll go through the exact details of what they did and how they did it to ensure this never happens again," he said. Authorities set up roadblocks and brought in bloodhounds and helicopters. Hundreds of law enforcement officers fanned out across the area around the prison, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) south of the Canadian border, following up on dozens of tips. But authorities acknowledged they did not have a good idea of where the convicts could be. They

may have crossed the border into Canada or headed to another state, Cuomo said.

"This is a crisis situation for the state," he said. "These are dangerous men capable of committing grave crimes again."

Prison officials found the inmates' beds inside the 150-year-old Clinton Correctional Facility stuffed with clothes on Saturday morning in an apparent attempt to fool guards making their rounds. On a cut steam pipe, the prisoners left a taunting note containing a crude Asian caricature and the words, "Have a nice day."

Officials said the inmates cut through the steel wall at the back of their cell, crawled down a catwalk, broke through a brick wall, cut their way into and out of a steam pipe, and then sliced through the chain and lock on a manhole cover outside the prison. □

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## Pipeline firm told California oil spill 'extremely unlikely'



Workers prepare an oil containment boom at Refugio State Beach, north of Goleta, Calif. Plains All American Pipeline, the Texas company whose ruptured pipeline created the largest coastal oil spill in California in 25 years, had assured the government that a break in the line was "extremely unlikely" and state-of-the-art monitoring could quickly detect possible leaks and alert operators, documents show.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A

Texas company whose ruptured pipeline created the largest coastal oil spill in California in 25 years had assured the government that a break in the line while possible was "extremely unlikely" and state-of-the-art monitoring could quickly detect possible leaks and alert operators, documents show.

Nearly 1,200 pages of records, filed with state regulators by Plains All American

Pipeline, detail a range of defenses the company established to guard against crude oil spills and, at the same time, prepare for the worst should a spill occur.

The company acknowledged the potential for oil to leak from the 24-inch (60-centimeter), 10.6-mile (17-kilometer)-long pipeline west of Santa Barbara. A team of experts organized by the company, however, assessed that risk as remote, according to the records, known as a spill response plan, and were released under the

state's public records act. "The pipeline and its operation are state-of-the-art," asserted the analysis submitted to the state. "Spills are still possible, though extremely unlikely."

On May 19, a 6-inch (15-centimeter) breach along a badly corroded section of the line caused up to 101,000 gallons (382,300 liters) of oil to spill, blackening beaches and creating a 9-mile (14.5-kilometer) ocean slick. The breach and the environmental damage have challenged the company's conclusions about safe operation and rigorous monitoring.

Last year, federal regulators endorsed the plan but the company is facing questions about whether it

followed its own blueprint, or if it was outdated or inadequate. The analysis assessing the potential for a spill was initially conducted in 1994 and 1995, although sections have been modified as recently as last year. Plains All American spokeswoman Meredith Matthews said it would be inappropriate to comment because of the ongoing federal investigation.

Kristen Monsell, an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, said the plan's list of endangered species is at least 20 years outdated and the company fell short in following through with its requirements. "It grossly understates the potential for an oil spill," Monsell said.

Members of Congress also want answers. □

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## Immigrant family detention centers face uncertain future

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**Associated Press**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — After tens of thousands of migrant families, most from Central America, crossed the Rio Grande into Texas last summer, the government poured millions of dollars into two large detention centers meant to hold women and children — and keep more from coming.

But as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement expands the centers to make space for the next wave of arrivals, the agency faces legal and political challenges that could shut them down. And a new flow of migrants raises questions as to whether the strategy has deterred migration at all.

One center is a purpose-built, 50-acre campus in Dilley, an hour's drive southwest of San Antonio. Another, smaller center is tucked among derricks in Karnes City. They will be able to house some 3,400



**Gladys Pina, 30, from Honduras holds her 8-month old baby girl at a respite center run by Catholic Charities in McAllen, Texas. She was among nearly two-dozen immigrant mothers who arrived at the center after being released by Border Patrol.**

(AP Photo/Seth Robbins)

migrants once they reach full capacity, just a fraction of those crossing, leaving ICE with few options besides releasing many with notices to appear in court, as it did in the past.

Some 130 House Democrats and 33 senators have called on the government

to halt family detention, while a federal judge in California has tentatively ruled that the policy violates parts of an 18-year-old court settlement that says immigrant children cannot be held in secure facilities. ICE responded by pledging to improve its

centers while it awaits the judge's ruling.

"We are moving in the direction of closing these centers down," said Jonathan Ryan, executive director of the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. In April, Judge Dolly Gee tentatively ruled that family detention violates parts of a 1997 settlement in a case known as Flores V. Meese. The settlement stipulates migrant children must be released only to foster care, relatives or — if they must be held — in the least restrictive environment possible in facilities licensed to care for children.

Gee placed her ruling on hold and kept it secret so that government and immigration lawyers can try to negotiate a solution by mid-June. But a memo describing the ruling by Carlos Holguin, an attorney with the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law in California, says Gee agreed that the settlement

applied to all minors in immigration custody, including those accompanied by a parent, and found the new detention facilities not licensed to care for children.

ICE director Sarah Saldana responded to the court in a statement saying that the agency would review cases of families detained more than 90 days, increase oversight and explore ways to improve conditions. "We understand the unique and sensitive nature of detaining families," she said.

In making its case for detention last year, the Department of Homeland Security argued that the centers were necessary to stamp out a widespread belief among migrants that the government was doling out "permisos" for them to stay, actually notices to appear in court.

According to the memo, Gee questioned whether the centers had served that purpose. □

## Cultural taboo, property-value worries hit veterans cemetery

**IRVINE, California (AP)** — Residents concerned about cultural taboos and property values are opposing a move to convert a former air base into the Southern California Veterans Cemetery. Asian residents say a state cemetery on the 125-acre (50-hectare) Great Park site that was formerly

the El Toro air base would violate a cultural taboo of living near the dead, the Orange County Register reported. Residents are also worried property values will be damaged.

Orange County Veterans Memorial Park Foundation chair Bill Cook, a Vietnam War-era veteran who

served at El Toro and has led the fight for its conversion to a cemetery since the air base closed in 1999, said the site is "where thousands of American teenagers last stood alive on American soil."

But in feng shui — the ancient Chinese practice of spatial arrangement to

promote health, harmony and prosperity — a cemetery near homes or schools is a constant reminder of mortality and death. Portola High School would be within sight of the cemetery. Nearly 40 percent of the residents in Irvine identify as Asian, though many don't necessarily follow the

same cultural practices.

Dongping Huang, speaking at a recent Irvine City Council meeting, said she lives about two minutes from the Great Park and was shocked when she found out a cemetery was being proposed "in my backyard, next to my son's future school." □



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## Winning bid for lunch with Warren Buffett tops \$2.3 million

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AP Business Writer

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — A Chinese company that develops online games bid more than \$2.3 million Friday to win a private lunch with Warren Buffett.

Beijing-based Dalian Zeus Entertainment Co. bid \$2,345,678 to win the on-line auction. The Glide Foundation uses the auction proceeds to help the poor and homeless in San Francisco.

The 2015 bid was still well below the 2012 winning bid of \$3,456,789 — the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay. Last year's winning bid was \$2,166,766.

Many people want Buf-



**Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett smiles in Omaha, Neb., during an interview. A Chinese company that develops online games bid more than \$2.3 million Friday to win a private lunch with Warren Buffett. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)**

fett's advice because the 84-year-old is revered as an investor and philanthropist. Buffett is chairman and chief executive of Berkshire Hathaway, and more than 40,000 people attended the company's annual

meeting in May to listen to Buffett answer questions.

Over the past 15 years, the lunch auction has raised \$17.9 million for Glide, which provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless. The nonprofit relies on the event to generate part of its roughly \$18 million annual budget.

Buffett has said the lunches generally last at least three hours and cover a variety of topics. The only topic off-limits is what Buffett plans to invest in next.

"Every year, it's an interesting experience for me," Buffett said. "I've met a lot of great people in connection with it. Made new

friends. Hired a person. Had a lot of good steaks, so I can't complain."

One past winner, Ted Weschler, received a job offer after spending nearly \$5.3 million to win the 2010 and 2011 auctions. Weschler now works as an investment manager for Berkshire and gets to chat with Buffett on a regular basis.

The winners of the lunch auction often dine at Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in New York City, which donates at least \$10,000 to Glide each year to host the lunch. But some of the past winners who wanted to remain anonymous chose to dine at one of Buffett's favorite Omaha, Nebraska, steakhouses. □



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## In sorrow, Obama-Biden put personal bond on public display

**JULIE PACE**

**AP White House Correspondent**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Few relationships in Washington are as complex as that of president and vice president, a partnership forged of political necessity and often defined by rivalry and competing self-interests.

For President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, there have been trying moments since they took office more than six years ago.

But the recent death of Biden's son, Beau, has magnified a striking personal bond between Obama and Joe Biden, men from different generations and



**President Barack Obama hugs Vice President Joe Biden during funeral services for Biden's son, Beau Biden, Saturday, June 6, 2015, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Wilmington, Del.**

(Yuri Gripas/Pool Photo via AP)

backgrounds.

"Joe, you are my brother," Obama said in a deeply

personal eulogy at the younger Biden's funeral Saturday in Delaware.

"I'm grateful every day that you've got such a big heart, and a big soul, and those broad shoulders."

Obama's voice cracked throughout his remarks, a rare public display of emotion for a president with a typically cool demeanor. Biden, on the other hand, can overflow with emotion at even mundane White House events.

The 53-year-old Obama and his 72-year-old vice president overlapped for a few years in the Senate, but they were not particularly close. After winning the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008, Obama picked Biden as his running mate in part because he hoped the Delaware senator's 36 years in Washington would offset his own inexperience.

Once in the White House, Obama showed his confidence in Biden by putting him in charge of meaty issues, including Iraq policy and the economic stimulus. Biden also would become the point person on Ukraine and gun control.

As the White House and Congress barreled toward a tax increase deadline in the closing days of 2012, it was Biden who called on his deep Capitol Hill relationships to avert a crisis, filling the void for a president who has struggled with the kind of personal touch that appears to come so easily for the vice president.

But Biden's free-wheeling style has caused headaches for the White House, most notably when he appeared to force the president's hand on gay marriage in the months before the 2012 election. Biden said in a television interview

that he was "absolutely comfortable" with gay couples marrying. At the time, Obama professed to still be "evolving" on the issue.

Obama's political advisers were frustrated that Biden had pushed the president to weigh in on an issue they had planned to avoid until after the election. But Obama himself appeared far less exercised by his vice president's misstep.

"I think (Obama) understood before a lot of people that all of the value you get from having Joe Biden on your team, it just overwhelms a minor hiccup if he says something impolitic," said Jay Carney, who worked for both Obama and Biden in the White House before leaving the administration last year.

The closing years of an administration can be trying for relations between the president and vice president, particularly if the second-in-command is running for the top job. Even the ties between President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, who were seen as close during most of their two terms in office, grew distant as Gore tried to separate himself from Clinton as he ran for president in 2000. Biden hasn't officially ruled out a presidential run in 2016, though there are few signs he is moving in that direction.

More than Biden's political or policy skill, aides say it's the vice president's closeness with his family that appeals to Obama. While Biden's family is large and close-knit, Obama barely knew his father and was raised by his grandparents and single mother. □

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## Iraq: Troops advance against IS in key refinery town

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Associated Press

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Iraqi troops backed by Shiite militias recaptured key parts of the northern refinery town of Beiji from the Islamic State group on Sunday, a general said.

The commander of the Interior Ministry's Quick Reaction Forces, Brig. Gen. Nassir al-Fartousi, told state TV that the Iraqi flag was raised over a local government building in Beiji and that troops were advancing to other areas, without elaborating.

The spokesman of Joint Operations Command, Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim, said the security forces "are now controlling" the downtown Beiji area, describing the advance as an "important victory."



**Iraqi security forces and Peace Brigades, a Shiite militia group loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, confiscate vehicles belonging to Islamic State group fighters in Beiji, some 155 miles (250 kilometers) north of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, June 7, 2015. Iraqi troops backed by Shiite militias recaptured key parts of the northern refinery town of Beiji from Islamic State militants on Sunday, said Brig. Gen. Nassir al-Fartousi of the Interior Ministry.** (AP Photo)

"The enemy has suffered a defeat and has sustained heavy losses and we hope that the whole city will be cleared within few days," Maan told The Associated Press in a brief interview,

saying "dozens" of IS militants had been killed. There was no word on the fate of the contested refinery on the town's outskirts, but Maan said the capture of Beiji would help Iraqi

forces to better secure the nearby Beiji refinery — Iraq's largest oil refining facility and key to the country's domestic supplies.

Beiji, some 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Baghdad, fell to the extremist IS group during its blitz across northern Iraq nearly a year ago, but the refinery facility has remained contested ground with IS militants and government forces battling for control. The town is also strategically significant as it lies on the road to IS-held Mosul, Iraq's second largest city. Iraqi and Kurdish forces have managed to roll back the IS group in many parts of the country with the help of U.S.-led airstrikes, and recaptured the northern city of Tikrit in April. But last month the IS group scored a major victory by capturing

ing Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province.

The IS group has declared an Islamic caliphate in the territories it controls in Syria and Iraq, and has used oil smuggling to finance much of its operations.

In neighboring Syria, the U.S.-led coalition carried out airstrikes against IS positions in the northern town of Souran, which the IS group captured last week from Syrian rebel groups and members of al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, the Nusra Front. The Local Coordination Committees and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the airstrikes occurred Saturday night. The Observatory said the airstrikes killed eight IS members, including a local Syrian commander, and wounded 20. □

## Saudi-led airstrikes on Yemen army headquarters kill 22

AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Saudi-led airstrikes before dawn Sunday targeted the headquarters of Yemen's armed forces in the rebel-held capital, killing at least 22 people, officials said.

They said the dead were mostly soldiers and that the

airstrikes damaged several nearby homes, shaking Sanaa. Residents said at least three airstrikes hit the headquarters, a short distance from the city's center.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists. Associated Press video showed

flames rising from the badly damaged complex as a man trapped under the rubble cried out for help. Soldiers carried the wounded and the dead away. The Saudi-led coalition began launching airstrikes March 26 against the Iranian-backed Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies

in the military and security forces. The Houthis seized Sanaa in September and later captured much of northern Yemen before moving south in March. Their southern advance forced internationally recognized President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to flee the country to neighboring Saudi Arabia.

Sunday's airstrikes came a day after the Houthis fired a Scud missile into Saudi Arabia, a dramatic escalation of the conflict. The attack indicated that despite more than two months of coalition airstrikes, the rebels still pose a threat to cities across the border inside Saudi Arabia. □



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## Turkish ruling party seen losing majority in parliament

SUZAN FRASER  
DESMOND BUTLER  
Associated Press

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — In a stunning rebuke of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's ambitions to expand his powers, Turkish voters stripped his party of its simple majority in parliament, preliminary election results showed Sunday.

With 99.9 percent of the vote counted, Erdogan's ruling Justice and Development Party, the AKP, had the support of around 41 percent of voters, state-run TRT television said. According to projections, that would give it some 258 seats — 18 below the minimum needed to keep its majority.

The unexpected setback for AKP likely puts an end, for the time being, to Er-

dogan's hopes of passing constitutional changes that would have greatly boosted the powers of his office. Instead, he faces struggles to retain his pre-eminent place in Turkish politics without the obvious levers to steer the government through his party in parliament.

The result is also a bitter blow to Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, whose political prospects are uncertain after leading his party to such a disappointing result. AKP will now have to seek a coalition partner to stay in power, with the nationalist MHP the most likely candidate.

Late Sunday, Davutoglu declared victory in the election, but didn't acknowledge the party had lost its majority.



Selahattin Demirtas, left, co-chair of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party, (HDP) and Figen Yuksekdag, the other co-chair celebrate following a news conference in Istanbul, Turkey, late Sunday, June 7, 2015. In a stunning blow to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, preliminary results from Turkey's parliamentary election on Sunday suggested that his party could lose its simple majority in Parliament. Demirtas called his party's ability to cross the threshold a "fabulous victory for peace and freedoms" that came despite the attack on his party and fierce campaigning by Erdogan.

(AP Photo/Leffteris Pitarakis)

"We will assess the messages of this election and continue on our path in a more determined way," he said. In an indication of how precipitously Erdogan's fortunes have fallen, he had begun the campaign asking voters for 400 of the total 550 seats in the Grand National Assembly, a massive majority well above the 330 seats needed to

call for a national referendum to change the constitution.

The biggest setback for AKP came with the rise of the main pro-Kurdish party, HDP, which for the first time easily cleared the threshold of ten percent for representation as a party in the parliament. The preliminary results put its tally at almost 13 percent.

The main secular opposition Republican Peoples Party, or CHP, got about 25 percent of the vote, while MHP got just above 16 percent. AKP received around 49 percent of the vote in the general elections in 2011. The setback Sunday was the first time that the party faced having to find a coalition partner since it swept into power in 2002.

Erdogan himself was not on the ballot. Still, the election was effectively a vote on whether to endow his office with powers that would significantly change Turkey's democracy and prolong his reign as the country's most powerful politician.

"Erdogan turned the election into a referendum on his personal ambitions," said Fadi Hakura, a Turkey specialist at London-based Chatham House. "These elections have put his plans on the back burner for a very long time." The party appeared to suffer from a sputtering economy and frustrations with the peace process to end decades of fighting with Kurdish insurgents. □

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## Italian leaders vow not to shelter any more rescued migrants

FRANCES D'EMILIO  
Associated Press

**ROME (AP)** — Heartened by recent election successes by an anti-immigrant party, Italian politicians based in the north vowed Sunday not to shelter any more migrants saved at sea, even as thousands more were being rescued in the Mediterranean from smugglers' boats in distress.

Elsewhere in the country, however, corruptions investigations have revealed that some local officials gleefully see a cash cow in the shelters.

Over the weekend, nearly 6,000 migrants were rescued by an array of European military vessels, including 2,371 who were saved on Sunday from 15 boats that ran into difficulty

shortly after smugglers set off with them from Libyan shores, the Italian coast guard said. Two German military ships brought a total of some 1,400 people to Sicilian ports Sunday, a day after they were rescued.

Mayors of Sicilian and other southern towns have warned for months they've run out of room for migrants, and thousands of the rescued are being resettled in shelters in central and northern Italy while their asylum requests are processed. The migrants flee poverty, persecution and war in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Among the north-based Italian politicians refusing to accept more migrants Sunday was newly-elected Liguria Gov. Giovanni

Toti. Toti's candidacy was backed by his mentor, former center-right Premier Silvio Berlusconi, and by the anti-immigrant Northern League party, which was bolstered by results in balloting for governorships a week ago. In Lombardy, whose capital is Milan, longtime League leader, Gov. Roberto Maroni, asked followers on Twitter if they agreed with him that "Lombardy mayors must refuse to welcome clandestine migrants" sent by the national government or else face regional funding cuts as punishment. □



Italian premier Matteo Renzi, second left, shares a word with Liguria Governor Giovanni Toti, right, in Genoa, Italy. Giovanni Toti, elected just last week, was among the northern Italian politicians vowing to refuse to host any more migrants while asylum requests are being evaluated.

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## Scattered violence as Mexico holds midterm elections

MARIA VERZA  
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Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Protesters burned ballot boxes in several restive states of southern Mexico on Sunday in an attempt to disrupt elections seen as a litmus test for President Enrique Peña Nieto's government, while officials said the vote was proceeding satisfactorily despite "isolated incidents."

Thousands of soldiers and federal police were guarding polling stations where violence and calls for boycotts threatened to mar elections for 500 seats in the lower house of Congress, nine of 31 governorships and hundreds of mayors and local officials. Midterm elections usually draw light turnout, but at-



**Members of a community defense force point their weapons at residents determined to cast their vote in the town of Tixtla, Mexico, Sunday, June 7, 2015. Thousands of Mexican soldiers and federal police were deployed to guard polling stations Sunday in restive southern states where violence and calls for boycotts threatened to disrupt the country's midterm elections, a litmus test for President Enrique Peña Nieto's government. (AP Photo/Felix Marquez)**

tention was unusually high this time as a loose coalition of radical teachers' unions and activists vowed to block the vote.

They attacked the offices of political parties in Chiapas and Guerrero states and burned ballots in Oaxaca ahead of the vote. The teachers' demands include huge wage hikes, an end to teacher testing and the safe return of 42 missing students from a radical teachers' college. Those students disappeared in September, and prosecutors say they were killed and incinerated by a drug gang. One student's remains were identified by DNA testing. Protesters burned at least seven ballot boxes and election materials in Tixtla, the Guerrero state town where the teachers' col-

lege is located.

"We want the children to be found first, and then there can be elections," said Martina de la Cruz, the mother of one of the missing students.

Soon after, there was an exchange of rock-throwing between protesters and hundreds of people who said they intended to defend their right to vote. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Ballot boxes were also destroyed in the southern states of Chiapas and Oaxaca. In Oaxaca's capital, masked protesters emptied a vehicle of ballots, boxes and voting tables and burned the material in the main square.

Municipal policeman Onesimo Rojas said masked protesters torched ballot boxes in at least eight places in the city.

Voters trickled to a polling place relocated from a Oaxaca city school to a white tent on a muddy road because the schools are under the control of radical teachers' groups that frequently stage public protests.

"They think they own all the public spaces," said chemist Luz Maria Velazquez, 54. "It is a violation of our rights, because one group can't decide for everybody. ... They can block streets and

hold protests whenever they want, and we're the ones affected."

About 50 military vehicles were stationed on a highway outside the city.

In the northern city of Monterrey, two political parties reported that armed men were intimidating voters in three towns near the border with Texas.

Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong called it the "most watched-over" vote in Mexican history and said there were only "minimal" problems so far.

"That is good for all of us, to be able to carry out a calm process in which citizens may determine their next leaders and for that to be something normal," Osorio Chong said.

Mexico's National Electoral Institute reported that nearly 100 percent of polling places were able to open.

Most of the nine governors' races were too close to call, and in at least one race — for the governorship of the northern border state of Nuevo Leon — an independent candidate was a top contender, all of which is novel for Mexico.

"There is an enormous amount of competition, and that is good news," said Luis Carlos Ugalde, formerly the country's top electoral official. □

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## Kidnapped daughter of security official freed

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said the kidnapped daughter of a high-profile security official was freed after two days of captivity. Santos has told reporters that the 11-year-old girl is in "stable condition" and back with her parents.

Her father is Diego Mora, director of Colombia's National Protection Unit, which is in charge of protecting high-profile public figures, including ministers and members of congress.

Santos credited pressure from public security forces for her liberation.

The girl was kidnapped on Thursday in the city of Cucuta. Police found her Saturday on the road from Zulia to El Cornejo in Norte de Santander province, 400 kilometers (250 miles) northeast of Bogota, said Donamaris Ramirez, mayor of Cucuta, the capital of the region. □





## Real Island Life: Notes From A Day On Aruba!

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a little. No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps. In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong-I recommend Aruba Aloe brand! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line.



days at home when you start realizing how beautiful our island really is. So I took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where we live and what we have. ☐ Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in

Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been run-

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## Debbie and Mark Flowers Love Tango Argentine Restaurant



**PALM BEACH** - Debbie and Mark Flowers are from the Florida Keys. The cool couple has been married for six years now and they have been coming to Aruba for four years. And during one of their trips they discovered Tango Argentine Restaurant at the Arawak Garden across from the Occidental Resort on the Hi-Rise strip.

Tango offers many tantalizing choices, but most people go there for the excellent cuts of meat. That is what Debbie and Mark did: they came back for the mouth-watering filet



mignon, and of course for their favorite waiter Juan, seen in the picture. Debbie and Mark love Tango because of its great

ambiance, the superb food and good service. So, they are expected back very, very soon. Thanks, guys! ☐





## Wawrinka dashes Djokovic dream to win French Open

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Serbia's Novak Djokovic tries to break his racket after losing the second set in the men's final of the French Open tennis tournament against Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, June 7, 2015.

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Picture: "THE TEXAN" GOURMET BURGER

## Bradley Wiggins breaks hour record at London velodrome



Britain's Sir Bradley Wiggins rides to break the UCI Hour Record at the Olympic Velodrome in Lee Valley Velopark, London, Sunday, June 7, 2015.

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Olympic champion and Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins added another prestigious honor to his collection on Sunday, breaking the UCI Hour Record by covering 54.526 kilometers (33.88 miles) at the velodrome in London's Olympic Park.

"That's the closest I will come to knowing what it's like to have a baby," Wiggins said, referring to the pain in his legs after smashing the record of 52.937 kilometers set just last month by fellow Englishman Alex Dowsett.

Wiggins took some time to recover from his exertions — then hoisted his bike above his head in celebration in front of a raucous sell-out crowd.

Wiggins became the sixth cyclist to win the Tour de France — cycling's greatest race — and break the hour record, after Lucien Petit-Breton, Fausto Coppi, Jacques Anquetil, Eddy

Merckx and Miguel Indurain.

"I always compare myself to the greats and I am just glad to be in the company of those guys," the 35-year-old Wiggins said. "To get up there and do that . to put yourself on the line takes a lot of courage and it's a mental game as much as anything."

The four-time Olympic champion had said he was targeting 55K, or 220 laps around the track.

It is the fifth time the record has been broken since governing body UCI changed the rules last year to allow cyclists to ride bikes that can be used for endurance track events.

In 2012, Wiggins won the Tour de France and was the Olympic time-trial champion. He has also won three Olympic gold medals on the track, and plans to compete in the velodrome again at next year's Rio de Janeiro Games. □



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## Lingmerth goes the distance and more to win Memorial



Jack Nicklaus, right, presents David Lingmerth, of Sweden, with the trophy after Lingmerth won the Memorial golf tournament in a three-hole playoff Sunday, June 7, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

### DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

**DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)** — David Lingmerth didn't crack over the final two hours Sunday at the Memorial, outlasting Justin Rose with a par on the third playoff hole at Muirfield Village to win for the first time on the PGA Tour.

Showing great resolve and little emotion, Lingmerth gave a soft fist pump when his putt just inside 5 feet on the 10th green dropped. He earned every bit of that handshake with tournament host Jack Nicklaus.

"I can't believe it," the 27-year-old Swede said. "I'm so happy right now I don't know where to go." He'll be going to the Masters next year for the first time — but not the U.S. Open in two weeks. Lingmerth moves to No. 71 in the world and still has to qualify Monday.

It was the longest playoff in 40 years of the Memorial, and it could have ended much earlier — or been avoided — if not for so many clutch moments. Rose overcame a shank from a bunker on the 18th hole in regular and hit a 55-yard pitch out of deep

rough to 3 feet to save par for an even-par 72 to force the playoff. On the 18th in the playoff, Rose holed a 20-foot par putt that went in from the right side of the cup. That looked as if it might be a winner until Lingmerth calmly sank a 10-foot putt to match his par.

On the 18th on the second extra hole, Lingmerth got up-and-down from a bunker.

It ended on the 10th hole when Rose when into deep rough, hit a fairway metal into the gallery, chipped 18 feet by the hole and missed his par putt. Lingmerth two-putted from 45 feet.

Lingmerth closed with a 69. So strong was his performance that he didn't make worse than par over his final 11 holes.

Masters champion Jordan Spieth closed with a 65 and wound up two shots behind in a tie for third with Francesco Molinari of Italy, who was tied for the lead until hitting into the water on the 16th for a double bogey. He shot 71.

Tiger Woods showed improvement — it was hard not to after a career-worst

85 on Saturday. He shot 74 and finished last, 29 shots behind, with his worst 72-hole score (302) in his PGA Tour career.

Spieth was nine shots behind going into the final day and could not have imagined having to spend an extra three hours in Ohio. He chipped in twice — for birdie on the par-5 seventh and for eagle on the par-5 15th — and closed with a birdie. He posted at 13-un-

der 275 and stuck around all afternoon to see if it would be enough.

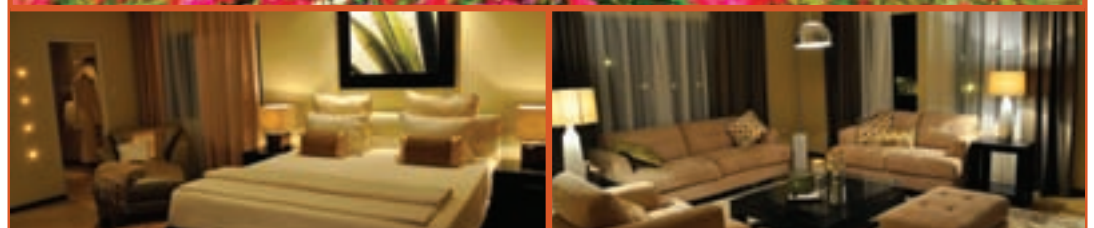
Lingmerth made sure it wasn't with a solid finish — a short birdie on the 15th to reach 15 under, and pars the rest of the way to reach 15-under 273.

Rose had the wild finish.

He was playing a tough bunker shot on the 14th when a fan yelled in his swing. Rose hit the shot to the fringe and made bo-

gey, and then bounced back with an up-and-down from the bunker for a birdie on the 15th to make it a three-way tie.

That's where his thrills began. Rose hammered his first putt on the 16th some 10 feet past the hole and made bogey. He bounced back with a bending 12-foot birdie putt to rejoin Lingmerth in the lead, only to hit his tee shot on the 18th in a bunker. □

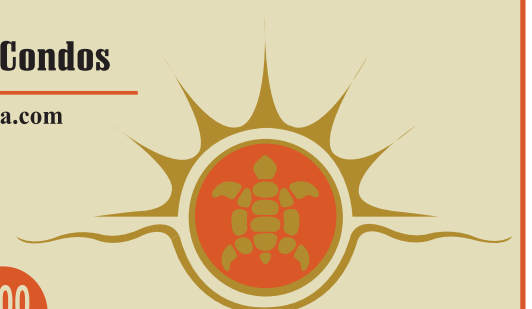


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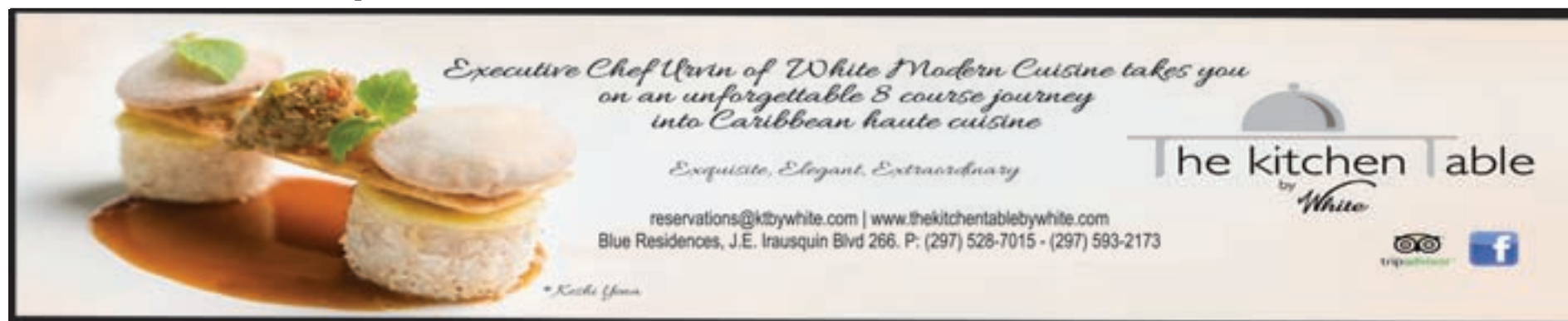
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## Farah absent as Tarmoh upsets Felix in Diamond League

**STEVE DOUGLAS**  
AP Sports Writer

**BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)**

— Mo Farah's absence because of doping allegations surrounding his coach overshadowed the action in the Diamond League on Sunday, where Jeneba Tarmoh won a photo finish in the 200 meters and fellow American Marvin Bracy won the 100 in 9.93 seconds.

Farah, the world and Olympic 5,000 and 10,000-meter champion, withdrew on the morning of the Birmingham meet, saying he was "emotionally and physically drained" after a week in which coach Alberto Salazar was accused of using doping practices for his athletes at the Nike Oregon Project.

With Olympic champions Sally Pearson, Jessica Ennis-Hill and David Rudisha having previously pulled out, the fifth stop of the Diamond League was light on big names — and arguably the biggest remaining, four-time Olympic gold medalist Allyson Felix, was beaten into second place in the 200 by Tarmoh after both posted 22.29.



**USA's Jeneba Tarmoh, right, wins the Women's 200m ahead of second place USA's Allyson Felix and Great Britain's Dina Asher-Smith, left, at the Birmingham Grand Prix Diamond League Athletics meeting, at Alexander stadium in Birmingham, England, Sunday, June 7, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

"I was shocked to win over Allyson," said Tarmoh, who ran 0.01 off her personal best from 2011. "Now, I'm definitely confident I'll get a spot on the U.S. team for the world championship (in Beijing in August)."

Another U.S. sprinter in top form before the national trials on June 25-28 is Bracy, a former wide receiver for Florida State who started competing in track in 2013 and is making fast progress. The 21-year-old Bracy said he felt a tweak in his right hamstring 10 meters into the 100 final but still ran a per-

sonal best to beat Britain's Adam Gemili, who clocked 9.97 — under 10 seconds for the first time.

Both Bracy and Gemili clutched their hamstrings in the final few meters but while Bracy came through fine, Gemili tumbled to the ground after the line and was taken away in a wheelchair.

"I'm ecstatic," Bracy, who ran 9.97 to win his heat, told The Associated Press. "To come and drop 9 seconds twice in one day, and two hours later, lets me know moving forward

to the American trials that I am ready to go rounds and can drop these types of times back to back.

"The trials are going to be amazing. We have a lot of guys dropping 9 seconds."

Also, Olympic and former world champion Christian Taylor of the U.S. won the triple jump with 17.40 meters, and Dawn Harper-Nelson won the 100 hurdles in a season's best of 12.58 — and celebrated with cartwheels. Olympic champion Greg Rutherford of Britain won the long jump with 8.35.

Farah's no-show was a blow to organizers and the spectators who were eager for a glimpse of Britain's greatest ever long-distance runner, who was scheduled to contest the 1,500 meters to improve his base speed ahead of the world championship.

A visibly angry Farah appeared at the pre-event news conference on Saturday, bemoaning the reputational damage done to him by investigations by ProPublica and the BBC that alleged Salazar violated anti-doping rules and encour-

aging doping by one of his top runners, Galen Rupp.

No doping accusations were made against Farah — and both Salazar and Rupp deny any wrongdoing — but he feels tainted by association and released a statement hours before the Birmingham meeting saying he was returning to the United States to "seek answers to my questions."

"This week has been very stressful and taken a lot out of me," said Farah.

There was a smattering of applause when the news was transmitted to spectators over the loudspeakers before the opening event on a sunny, windy day in central England.

And they had to wait until the third-from-last race for some real excitement, when Tarmoh, Felix and Britain's Dina Asher Smith dipped at the line together. Tarmoh was awarded the victory and Asher-Smith was third with 22.30 for a personal best.

"I need to continue to work hard as I am a bit disappointed with my bend," said Felix, the Olympic 200 champion. □



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# Truex breaks through at Pocono for 1st win since 2013

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AP Sports Writer

**LONG POND, Pa. (AP)** — Martin Truex Jr. led the most laps for the fourth straight race, only this time he was in front on the one that mattered most, breaking through Sunday at Pocono Raceway for his first Sprint Cup victory since 2013.

Truex led 97 of 400 laps and dominated in the No. 78 Chevrolet off late restarts down the stretch to snap a 69-race winless streak.

"I knew we were going to get one," Truex said. "I knew we had the team, I knew we had what it took." Truex's Furniture Row Racing team had brought the same car to the track each of the last three weeks, with smashing results. Truex didn't win but he led the most laps at Kansas (95), Charlotte (131) and Dover (131).

With a new car at Pocono, Truex raced to his third win in 347 career starts. Truex is the 10th driver to win a race this season and qualify for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Kevin Harvick was second, followed by Jimmie Johnson, Joey Logano and Kurt Busch.

Truex's girlfriend, Sherry Pollex, was diagnosed with cancer last summer and she had various organs removed, including her ovaries, fallopian tubes and part of her stomach.

She was in victory lane Sunday and greeted Truex with a big hug and a kiss.

"It never gets any better than this," Truex said. "It takes time to heal things, especially with what Sherry and I went through. This makes you forget all about it. Sherry's here healthy and she's as excited as I am."

Pollex tweeted a selfie with Truex and the Pocono tro-

phy from victory lane that said, "Chemo Monday victory lane Sunday."

Truex slumped in 2014, his first year with Furniture Row after four seasons with Michael Waltrip Racing. He had just one top-five finish, led all of one lap the entire



**Martin Truex Jr. reaches for the checkered flag after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., Sunday, June 7, 2015. Martin Truex Jr. reaches for the checkered flag after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., Sunday, June 7, 2015.**

Associated Press

season and was a dismal 24th in the standings. Furniture Row owner Barney Visser told Truex he could sit out the rest of the season following Pollex's diagnosis and still keep his ride for 2015. Truex, though greatly appreciative, declined the offer. Truex found the track therapeutic and kept him focused on something other than her disease.

Truex took another hit when his grandmother, Roberta, died Wednesday in the family hometown of Mayetta, New Jersey.

"Finally!!! So pumped for Martin and @FR78Racing we all knew it was only a matter of time. Got one for grandma," Truex's brother, and fellow driver, Ryan, tweeted.

Truex is one of the more popular drivers in the garage and was congratulated by other team members in victory lane. Dale Earnhardt Jr. hugged Pollex. Johnson fist-bumped

Truex.

"He's had more to overcome personally and professionally than probably anybody sitting in that seat right now," Johnson said. "For him to still walk in the garage every week with a smile on his face, climb in

was booted from the 2013 Chase in the aftermath of the Richmond scandal. NASCAR determined that

Michael Waltrip Racing manipulated the outcome of the race in a bid to get Truex into the Chase. □

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## Loss to Wawrinka denies Djokovic career Slam

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**AP Tennis Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — Moments before his third French Open final in four years, Novak Djokovic jogged in a stadium hallway near a poster of the Coupe des Mousquetaires, the silver trophy awarded to the men's champion at the only major tournament he has never won.

This time, it would be Stan Wawrinka standing between the No. 1-seeded Djokovic and the title at Roland Garros that the Serb needs for a career Grand Slam.

And once again, Djokovic came up one victory shy, stopped by the eighth-seeded Wawrinka and his magical, one-handed backhand. Wawrinka won his first French Open championship and second major title by stunning Djokovic 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in a superbly played match Sunday.

"I know he's looking for that title," Wawrinka said. "I hope he will get one,



Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka lifts the cup after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic in their final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Sunday, June 7, 2015 in Paris.

one day, because he deserves one."

Wawrinka exited in the first round in Paris a year ago. And he had lost 17 of his past 20 matches against

Djokovic. But Wawrinka would not relent on this sunlit afternoon, compiling twice as many winners, 60 to 30.

"Certainly one of the best

matches of my career," Wawrinka said, "if not the best."

That beautiful backhand of his was a big reason; one even made its way around the net post before landing on the red clay.

Another backhand earned the match's last break, to 5-4 in the fourth set. And, fittingly, yet another finished off Djokovic's 28-match winning streak.

Djokovic called the stroke "one of the best one-handed backhands that I have seen."

The 30-year-old Wawrinka, so long in the shadow of his Swiss Davis Cup teammate and pal Roger Federer, added to the championship he won at last year's Australian Open. That's when Wawrinka became the first man in 21 years to beat the top two seeds en route to a Grand Slam title.

He duplicated that in Paris, eliminating No. 2 Federer in the quarterfinals before toppling Djokovic.

When Djokovic received the silver plate given to the losing finalist, the spectators gave him an unusually long ovation. Djokovic shook his head and his eyes welled with tears.

"Not easy to stand there as a runner-up again," Djokovic said, "but I lost to a better player who played some courageous tennis."

The 28-year-old Djokovic has won eight Grand Slam championships: five at the Australian Open, two at Wimbledon and one at the U.S. Open. He must wait a year for another chance to become the eighth man with at least one title from each major.

Djokovic came up short against Rafael Nadal in the 2012 and 2014 finals. He cleared that hurdle this year, defeating the nine-time champion in the quarterfinals. Djokovic then defeated Andy Murray in a two-day, five-set semifinal that concluded about 25 hours before Sunday's start.

"Maybe in some important moments, I didn't feel I had that explosivity in the legs, but, look, at the end of the day, (Wawrinka) was just a better player," Djokovic said.

Normally, it's Djokovic's sliding, stretching, body-contorting defense that wears down opponents, but he looked spent after lengthy baseline exchanges that went 20, 30, even 40 strokes.

When he clinched the first set, Djokovic swiveled to look toward his coaches, Boris Becker and Marian Vajda, and bellowed. □



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# Apple wants a lead role in streaming music

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Apple's iTunes helped change the way music-lovers bought their favorite songs, replacing plastic discs with digital downloads. Now the maker of iPods and iPhones wants to carve out a leading role in a revolution well underway, with a new, paid streaming-music service set to launch this summer. With millions of listeners already tuning in to streaming outlets like Pandora and Spotify, analysts and music-industry sources say Apple has been gearing up to launch its own service, aimed at winning back some of those customers and nudging long-time iTunes users into a new mode of listening. Apple is expected to announce the service at its annual conference for software developers, which kicks off Monday in San Francisco. In a keynote session, CEO Tim Cook and other executives are also expected to show off new features in Apple's operating software for iPhones, iPads and Macintosh computers, as well as tools for building new apps for the Apple Watch. Analysts also expect enhancements to the mobile-payment service known as Apple Pay. The world's biggest tech company makes most of its money from selling handheld gadgets, like the popular iPhone, and other computer hardware. But Apple uses its annual World Wide Developers Conference to highlight the software, online services and apps that make those devices indispensable to consumers around the world. Along with a new music

service, industry experts had been expecting Apple to announce a new streaming-video package and upgrades for its Apple TV service. But that may be delayed, according to reports by the New York Times and the tech blog Re/code, which said Apple is still negotiating

the computer-using experience, so it's important for Apple to have a role there," said Creative Strategies analyst Ben Bajarin. About 41 million people globally now pay for streaming music from Spotify, Deezer and other outlets, according to the International Federation of

person familiar with its plans said Apple has an ambitious goal to sign up 100 million subscribers for a new streaming service that will cost \$10 a month and compete with other on-demand services such as Spotify and Rhapsody. Beats users will be migrated over before eventually

bels were private. "They are very late to the game on streaming," said analyst Van Baker at the Gartner research firm. But he said Apple can still catch up by making it easy for iPhone owners to use the new service. That's a huge pool of potential customers: Apple sold 61 million iPhones in the last quarter alone. Aside from music, analysts expect Apple will tout improvements to other services like Apple Pay and Siri, the voice-activated digital assistant for iPhones and iPads. Apple has also hinted it will release programming tools for its new smartwatch. Most apps available for the Apple Watch are extensions of apps that run on the iPhone. Independent app-builders like Jordan Edelson, CEO of Appetizer Mobile, are hoping Apple will release the code to build apps that interact directly with sensors and controls on the watch. "That would let us build some really cool experiences," added Edelson, who said it could make the watch more appealing to consumers who aren't sure now if they need one. Edelson also predicted Apple will introduce software that ties other products more closely together, such as apps that make the iPhone into a controller for television sets and other appliances. That's a smart strategy, said Forrester Research analyst Frank Gillett. "Once you start organizing your life around Apple products, you're less likely to ditch your iPhone and go over to Android," he said, referring to the competing technology from Apple's rival, Google. □



In this June 2, 2014 file photo, pedestrians cross the street in front of the Moscone Center, which is hosting the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference, in San Francisco.

with broadcasters and isn't ready to announce the video service. That puts the spotlight on Apple's music initiative. Analysts say the company needs to build a robust streaming business if it wants to maintain its central role in the popular-music ecosystem. Most recordings today are still sold through digital stores like iTunes, which opened in 2003. But those sales have declined, while streaming services are rapidly gaining subscribers and revenue. "Streaming media is increasingly important to

the Phonographic Industry, which says subscription revenue grew 39 percent last year to \$1.6 billion. Overall download sales fell 8 percent to \$3.6 billion. Apple Inc. bought the Beats headphone maker and music streaming service for \$3 billion last year, but publishers' data confirmed by royalty tracking company Audiam shows Beats Music had just 303,000 U.S. subscribers as of December, compared to 4.7 million in the U.S. for market leader Spotify. While Apple wouldn't comment last week, a

closing down, and buyers of songs and albums on iTunes will also be presented with the option to purchase a subscription instead. Along with a lengthy three-month free trial period for the paid service, the company also plans to bolster its free offering, iTunes Radio, with a live online radio station featuring DJs like former BBC host Zane Lowe and artists Pharell, Drake, Muse and David Guetta. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because negotiations between the company and record la-

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### Economy:

## 5 reasons why US employers are showing confidence

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Employers last month delivered a vote of confidence in the U.S. economy.

They added 280,000 jobs — a surprisingly robust total at a time when consumers are hesitant to spend and the economy appears less than fully healthy. Some key industries, from energy to manufacturing, have been struggling. And economic troubles overseas have put investors on edge.

Yet Friday's report from the Labor Department showed that employers seem confident that the economy is regaining its footing after shrinking at the start of the year and that their customer demand will accelerate.

"It's kind of a strange situation because consumers are getting jobs, and their incomes are improving," said John Silvia, chief economist at the bank Wells Fargo.

Six years after the worst downturn in more than seven decades officially ended, Silvia said, "We've moved beyond the Great Recession."

Across the economy, employers are betting that steady hiring has begun to drive economic momentum. Home and auto sales are up. Restaurants, sports stadiums, theaters and hotels added 57,000 workers last month in anticipation of summer vacations.

Friday's report led many economists to predict that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates as early as September because the economy might no longer need the stimulus of near-zero rates.

Even the slight rise in un-

employment in May, to 5.5 percent from 5.4 percent in April, reflected a positive trend: The rate rose because hundreds of thousands more Americans felt it was a good time to start looking for work. Because not all found jobs right away, they were counted as unemployed, and their numbers raised the jobless rate.

Here are five reasons U.S.

A steep drop in oil prices hammered the energy industry, which sharply reduced spending on drilling rigs, steel pipe and other goods. A labor dispute at West Coast ports disrupted exports.

"There's a lot of reasons to believe that the first quarter was transitory," said Michael Feroli, chief U.S. economist at JPMorgan Chase. "Presumably,

economy to boom when a growing share of workers are stuck in jobs that pay far less than the average hourly wage of \$24.96.

But employers are showing a renewed appetite for new college graduates. In May, 780,000 began looking for work, and 760,000 found jobs. College graduates tend to have higher lifetime earnings and fewer bouts of unemployment,

are burdened by the strong dollar, which has made their goods more expensive overseas and cut into export sales and foreign profits. But smaller businesses, which employ a majority of the U.S. workforce, are largely immune to currency swings. And they appear to have stepped up hiring in May more than larger companies did.

Payroll processor ADP says companies with fewer than 50 employees added 122,000 jobs in May — 10 times the number added by companies with more than 500 workers.

The Baltimore-based tutoring company Sylvan Learning plans to open up to 20 centers this year, creating 30 to 40 full-time and potentially 400 part-time jobs. Greater demand for their programs in science, math and robotics indicates that more parents are investing in their children's futures, said Sylvan Learning chief financial officer John McAuliffe.



**A window washer cleans the windows of an office building in downtown Washington. Employers last month delivered a vote of confidence in the U.S. economy.**

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

employers are stepping up hiring despite tepid economic growth:

### GOOD DATA

The economy shrank in the January-March quarter at an annual rate of 0.7 percent, its worst showing in a year. Growth is recovering in the current quarter, though it's expected to reach no more than a modest 2 percent to 2.5 percent annual pace.

Economists say much of the winter slowdown reflected temporary factors that are fading: Harsh winter weather kept many shoppers indoors.

employers saw the same thing — that if you had a bad winter, you wouldn't change expansion plans." Plus, economists say the government may be having trouble measuring first quarter economic data accurately. The government is reviewing the issue and may adjust its figures in July.

### COLLEGE GRADS

The jobs recovery has been defined in part by a disproportionate number of low-wage positions: Burger flippers, store cashiers and home health aides. It's hard for an

reflecting the prosperity that generally comes from higher education.

Deonta Brooks graduated from Auburn University in May and received two job offers. He chose to become a government food inspector in Alabama, figuring his salary would go further there than in Chicago, where the other position is based.

"There are a ton of jobs," he said. "I applied for 20-something jobs, so I knew eventually that I was going to get something."

### SMALL IS GOOD

Major U.S. corporations

### FULL-TIME RETURNS

One ongoing concern throughout the recovery has been the prevalence of part-time jobs. But full-time employment has been picking up in recent months, while part-time jobs have leveled off. The number of Americans with full-time jobs surged 630,000 in May and has jumped 2.6 million in the past year.

But more progress is needed. The ranks of full-time workers are only now nearing their pre-recession level. There are still nearly 2.8 million more part-time workers than when the Great Recession officially began in December 2007. □



# A tough week on the bond market pushes yields higher

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It was a tough week for bond investors last week.

Bonds extended their slump on Friday, after a report showed the U.S. employers added 280,000 workers to their payrolls in May. That was more jobs than forecast and suggests that the economy is back on track after starting the year in a slump.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to an eight-month high of 2.43 percent, directly after the report was published. That's 0.31 percentage points higher than it was at the start of the week, a big move in the Treasury market.

Traders are speculating that the Federal Reserve will raise its benchmark interest rate later this year, for the first time since the recession as the economy maintains its recovery. Bond yields typically climb when investors are expecting higher rates.

The jobs report "will certainly keep rates moving higher," said Kathy Jones, Vice President, Fixed Income Strategist, Schwab Center for Financial Research.

She expects the yield on the 10-year note to climb as high as 2.5 percent in coming weeks if reports continue to show that the economy is recovering from its sluggish start to the year.

The level of Treasury bond yields matters to most Americans because they used as a benchmark for a range of borrowing costs, such as on mortgages.

Long-term U.S. mortgage rates have already started to creep higher, meaning consumers will have to pay slightly higher interest payments when borrowing. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage was 3.84 percent in May, compared with a rate of 3.67 percent in January, according to mortgage company Freddie Mac.

That shift equates to an increase of \$9 a month for every \$100,000 in mort-

gage debt. Still, mortgage rates remain low compared to historical averages. A decade ago the rate on a 30-year mortgage was 5.58 percent.

To be sure, few investors are expecting a huge jump in yields simply because inflation remains so low. Overall consumer prices edged up 0.1 percent in April, the Labor Department said last month, but overall they are still down from 12 months ago after a big drop in energy prices.

"We're not thinking that yields are going to run away from us here," said Marc Doss, regional chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "The big move has occurred and now it will be more gradual."

Doss said that investors globally had become too pessimistic on the outlook for the world economy and had rushed to buy bonds. The surge in buying had pushed the yield on the 10-year note as low as 1.65 percent by the end of January.

At one point, prices on some European government bonds had risen so high that they carried a negative yield. Instead of getting an interest payment, traders were paying borrowers to take their money.

Bonds yields in the U.S. are also much higher than they are in other parts of the world. For example, the yield on the 10-year German government bond is 0.85 percent. In Japan it is 0.48 percent. That means that U.S. Treasury notes are still attractive to overseas investors who are seeking an income, ensuring demand for the securities.

Investors also say that the move higher in yields is also being exacerbated by a dearth of traders willing to step in and buy when prices are falling.

Banks and other middlemen have been pulling back from this matchmaking since the financial crisis because of new regulations limiting their activities. They have largely abandoned their role as a buyer



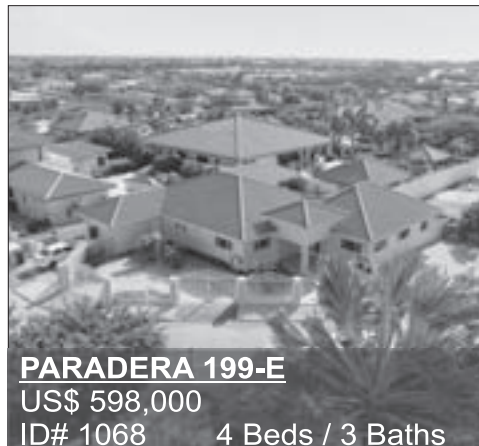
Trader Thomas Kay uses his mobile phone as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Bonds extended their slump on Friday, after a report showed the U.S. employers added 280,000 workers to their payrolls in May.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

or seller of last resort and have slashed amounts of bonds that the hold on their books for trading. And it's not just bond yields that are slumping. Utilities have also been falling sharply as bonds have sold off.

At the start of the year, investors seeking an income bought the dividend-rich stocks as an alternative to bonds. Now that bond yields are rising, the sector looks less attractive by comparison. Utilities dropped 1.3 percent on

Friday and are now down 10.3 percent to the year, making them the worst performing sector in the Standard & Poor's 500 index this year. Real Estate Investment Trusts, popular for the same reason as utilities are also slumping. □



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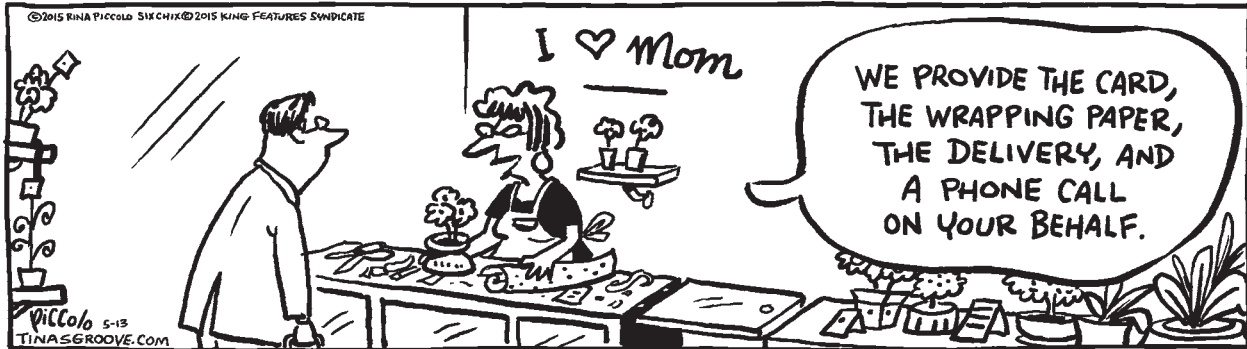
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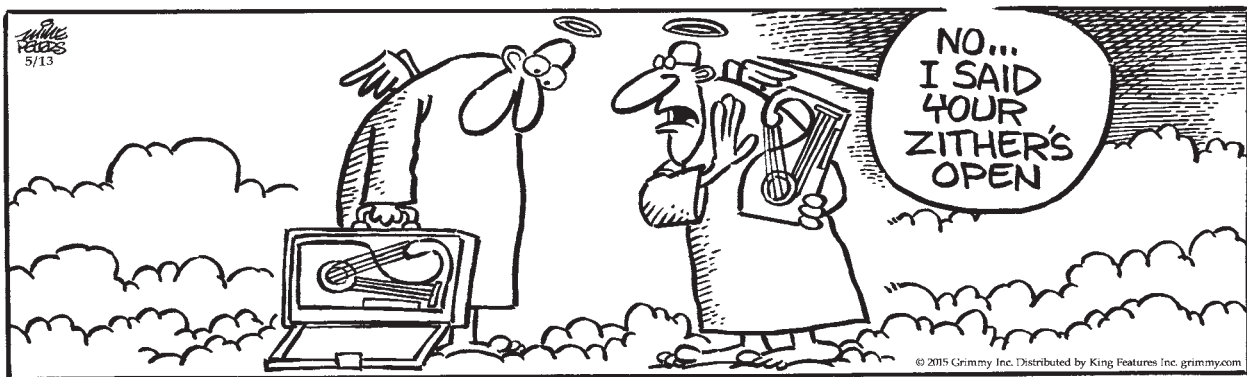
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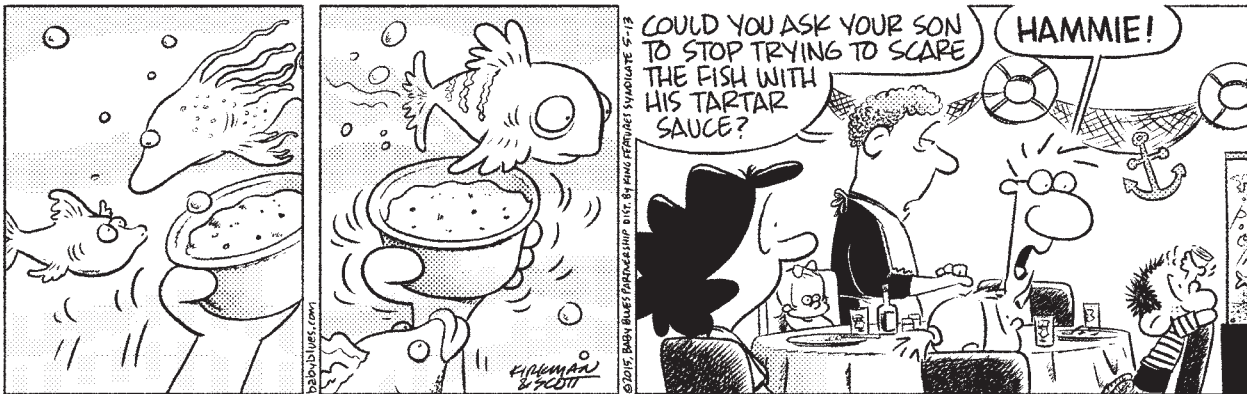
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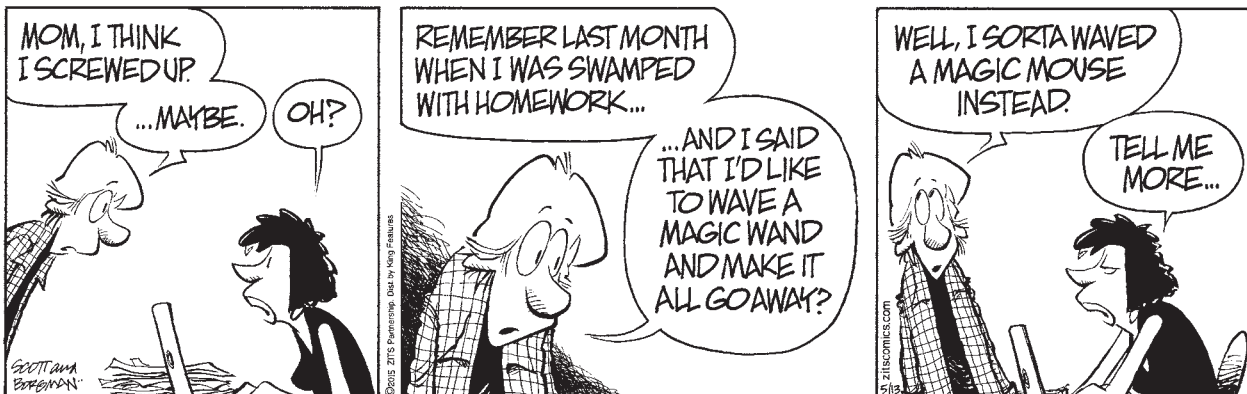
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

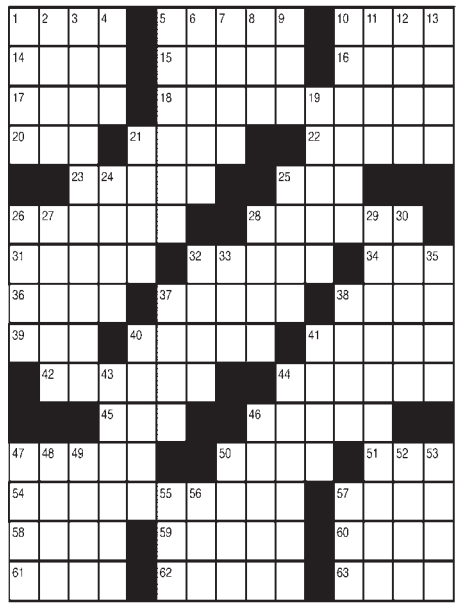
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7	1	2	5	8	3	4	6	9
9	4	5	6	2	1	3	8	7
1	7	6	2	5	9	8	3	4
4	5	3	8	1	7	6	9	2
2	8	9	3	4	6	1	7	5

## ACROSS

- \_\_\_ off; falls asleep
- Salesman's pitch
- No ifs, \_\_\_ or buts
- Above
- Ballroom dance
- Boyfriend
- Black, Yellow, Red and Dead
- Sounds familiar
- At the \_\_\_ of the day; ultimately
- Has a bug
- Actress Bo
- Boulders
- Promos
- Sleeping pill
- Company
- Pre-Easter periods
- Piano style
- Groove
- Chokes
- Peach or plum
- Actor Jamie \_\_\_
- Biggest club
- Broadway's "\_\_\_ Your Wagon"
- Wild dog of Australia
- Wayward
- Used foul language
- Pack animal
- Wynonna's ma
- Royal decree
- Cribbage pieces
- That girl
- Dilapidated; falling apart
- Remain
- Fisherman's hope
- Keep a cooking turkey moist
- Tiny skin hole
- Quarrel
- Nervous
- Up in \_\_\_; irate

## DOWN

- Snout
- Large kitchen appliance



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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Unyielding
- Stickum
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- Actor Aykroyd
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# US soldier who killed 16 Afghans claims he was 'consumed by war'

TACOMA, Washington (AP)

— The U.S. soldier who murdered 16 Afghan villagers in 2012 says he had lost compassion for Iraqis and Afghans over the course of his four combat deployments.

The News Tribune newspaper of Tacoma used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain an eight-page letter former Staff Sgt. Robert Bales wrote to the senior Army officer at Joint Base Lewis-McChord requesting that his life sentence be reduced.

"My mind was consumed by war," Bales wrote late

last year.

"I planted war and hate for the better part of 10 years and harvested violence," he added. "After being in prison two years, I understand that what I thought was normal was the farthest thing from being normal."

In March, Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza rejected the request to overturn Bales' conviction or modify his sentence, an Army spokesman said Friday. That automatically sends the case to the Army Court of Criminal Appeal, where it might be considered again by military

judges one day.

Bales, an Ohio native and father of two from Lake Tapps, Washington state, shot 22 people in all, including 17 women and children, during pre-dawn raids on two villages in Kandahar Province in March 2012. The massacre prompted such angry protests that the U.S. temporarily halted combat operations, and it was three weeks before Army investigators could reach the crime scene.

Bales pleaded guilty in a deal to avoid the death penalty, and he apologized in a statement at his sentencing in 2013. He described the perpetual rage he felt, his heavy drinking and reliance on sleeping pills, and his steroid use. He also said he couldn't explain what he did, a sentiment he repeated in the letter.

"Over my past two years of incarceration, I have come to understand there isn't a why; there is only pain," he wrote.

The letter provides additional details about the paranoia Bales says he felt during his last deployment and the toll financial worries were taking on him.

"I didn't want to make a decision on the ground and lose one of my guys," he wrote. "Normally that would be a good thing, but now I know it made me paranoid and ineffective." Over his combat tours he came to hate "everyone who isn't American," he wrote, and he became suspicious of local residents who might be supportive of those fighting Americans.

"I became callous to them even being human; they were all enemy. Guilt and fear are with you day and night. Over time your experiences solidify your prejudice," he wrote.

Since his confinement, Bales has been baptized and focused on his Christian faith, he said. He's also taking classes to finish a bachelor's degree and learning to be a barber. □

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## Google releases more details on self-driving car accidents

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Google is disclosing more details about the 12 accidents involving its self-driving cars so far as part of a commitment to provide monthly updates about the safety and performance of the vehicles. The summary released Friday described all of the collisions as minor, saying no injuries were reported. As it has been doing for several weeks, Google said that the self-driving technology was not to blame for any of the accidents. In one case, however, an employee used the self-driving car to run an errand and rear-ended another car that was stopped in traffic. Google had previously disclosed that accident, which happened in August 2011.

Google's breakdown of the accidents came just two days after company co-founder Sergey Brin told shareholders that the company had already disclosed most of the pertinent information about the crashes. Consumer Watchdog, a group that has been a longtime Google critic, has been pushing the Mountain View, California, company to release all of the accident reports filed with the California Department of Motor Vehicles and other law enforcement agencies. Dissatisfied with Google's accounting, Consumer Watchdog on Friday renewed its call for



This May 13, 2014, file photo shows a Google self-driving Lexus at a Google event outside the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif.

the company to release the official accident reports.

The Associated Press has asked Google and the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the reports. Both have refused, citing privacy concerns.

While the latest disclosures fell short of providing the official accident reports, they did give previously unreleased information on the locations and dates and circumstances of the 12 accidents.

Google Inc. started testing the cars in 2009, and the first accident was in May 2010.

The company says six of the accidents happened while the car was in autonomous driving mode. The other six happened while staffers were driving, including one incident where the car was hit by another driver who rolled through a stop sign. Google says the self-driving car automatically applied the brakes when it detected the other vehicle, and

Google's driver took manual control once the brakes were applied. The Google vehicle sustained some damage.

All but two of the accidents happened in Google's hometown of Mountain View, where the company plans to begin testing its latest self-driving car — a pod-like vehicle — this summer.

While several of the accidents happened at low speeds or while the car was stopped, in one case

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a Google vehicle was driving 63 miles per hour on a highway in San Jose, California, when another vehicle veered into its side.

Google's cars have been involved in four accidents so far this year, according to the company. It says the cars travel about 10,000 miles a week on public streets. The vehicles have driven about one million miles in autonomous mode and Google's drivers have been in control for 800,000 additional miles. □

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## Logano takes bite out of Hollywood with 'Sharknado' cameo

By DAN GELSTON  
AP Sports Writer

**LONG POND, Pa. (AP)** -- Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski, you're gonna need a bigger Ford. The NASCAR stars are set to sink their teeth into their latest roles: campy cameos in "Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!" the third in the trilogy of the cult "Sharknado" series on the Syfy network. Logano said Friday at Pocono Raceway he had never heard of "Sharknado" until he was approached about filming a scene at the March race at Fontana, California. "I'm going to Hollywood," Logano said. "I saw the whole NASCAR part. It's pretty funny." Logano's lone line: "That!" "I freaking nailed it," Logano said. "I did one hell of a job." What does his line mean? "It looks like I'm about to die," he said.

Keselowski and Logano, the 2015 Daytona 500 champion, are Sprint Cup teammates driving for owner Roger Penske. Keselowski, the 2012 Sprint Cup champion, is in the trailer shouting "Oh, hell no!" as the impending shark storm approaches. The original "Sharknado" erupted as a social-media and pop-culture phenomenon, mostly celebrated for its unwitting awfulness. The film depicted a weather aberration on the Southern California coast that caused bloodthirsty sharks to rain on hapless Angelenos. "Sharknado 2: The Second One" featured many star turns, while "Today" personalities Matt Lauer and Al Roker provided poker-faced coverage of the raging disaster. "Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!" will air on Syfy on July 22n with a cast that includes Ian Zier-



Brad Keselowski, left, stands with Joey Logano in the garage area at Pocono Raceway during practice for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race in Long Pond, Pa., Friday, June 5, 2015. Associated Press

ing as Fin Shepard and "Big Lebowski" star Tara Reid as April. "I just kind of went along with it and as I learned

more about what it's about, it became funnier to me," Logano said. Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, talk show

host Jerry Springer and actor David Hasselhoff are among the celebrities set to appear in the third "Sharknado." □

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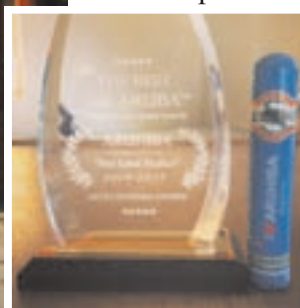
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# McCarthy's 'Spy' tops with \$30 million; 'Entourage' lags

**JAKE COYLE**

**AP Film Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Melissa McCarthy left the guys of "Entourage" in the dust, landing her first No. 1 box-office debut as a leading lady with an estimated \$30 million weekend for the espionage comedy "Spy." The result added to the string of successes for McCarthy and writer-director Paul Feig, who first united on the 2011 hit "Bridesmaids." While "Spy" fell short of the \$39.1 million debut of their 2013 comedy "The Heat," with Sandra Bullock,

and came in a tad lower than some predicted, it was good enough to win a weekend lacking blockbuster punch but crowded with action, horror and the resurrected HBO series.

"It sets the table for a fantastic long run," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox.

The R-rated, action-heavy "Spy," made for about \$65 million, will depend on word-of-mouth and its generally glowing reviews to propel it further in the coming weeks. The film,



This photo provided by Twentieth Century Fox shows, Melissa McCarthy, right, receiving her new spy marching orders from boss Allison Janney, in a scene from the film, "Spy."

**Associated Press**

in which McCarthy plays a desk-bound CIA officer sent into a James Bond-like European caper, has already made \$56.5 million overseas.

Last week's top film, "San Andreas," the disaster movie starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, slid to second place with \$26.4 million. "Insidious: Chapter 3" opened with an estimated \$23 million, a strong debut

for the low-budget horror prequel from Jason Blum's Blumhouse Productions.

But HBO's "Entourage," made for about \$30 million, failed to compete with those releases. The film, released about four years after the series concluded, made \$10.4 million over the weekend and has brought in a five-day total of \$17.8 million since opening Wednesday.

Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., said advance tracking for the film had been soft and that comparisons to "Sex and the City" — another post-finale HBO adaptation — weren't accurate. That 2008 release opened with \$57 million.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak said that while the individual re-

sults for the weekend likely meant profitability for their distributors, the marketplace is suffering from a lack of momentum after a string of lackluster weekends, particularly a weak Memorial

Day holiday when Disney's "Tomorrowland" opened flatly.

"This is our third down weekend in a row. It takes some wind out of our sails," Dergarabedian said. "We need a hit like 'Jurassic World' and we needed it yesterday."

Universal's "Jurassic World" opens Friday with expectations of a \$100 million-plus opening.

In a medium-sized release, the acclaimed Lionsgate, Roadside Attractions drama "Love & Mercy," which stars Paul Dano and John Cusack as Brian Wilson, opened with \$2.2 million on 483 screens.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. □

## Ronnie Gilbert, member of folk quartet the Weavers, dies



In this Nov. 28, 1980, file photo, The Weavers perform in a 25th Anniversary reunion concert at Carnegie Hall in New York. From left are: Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman.

**Associated Press**

**MILL VALLEY, Calif. (AP)** — Singer Ronnie Gilbert, a member of the influential 1950s folk quartet the Weavers, has died. She was 88.

Gilbert died of natural

causes Saturday at a retirement community in the San Francisco Bay Area suburb of Mill Valley, said her longtime partner, Donna Korones.

With the Weavers, whose

other members were Pete Seeger, Lee Hays and Fred Hellerman, Gilbert helped spark a national folk revival by churning out hit recordings of "Goodnight Irene," "Tzena Tzena Tzena," "On

Top of Old Smokey," "If I Had A Hammer," "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine" and "Wimoweh."

The group was hugely popular before its left-wing activities were targeted by anti-Communists during the McCarthy era. They were blacklisted, unable to record, appear on television or radio and perform in many concert venues, and eventually disbanded.

Gilbert went on to pursue a solo career as a singer, as a stage actor and psychologist.

Gilbert's memoir, "Ronnie Gilbert: A Radical Life in Song," which is the same title of a one-woman show she performed for years, will be published in the fall. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa, and Korones, her partner of 30 years. □

## Film festival honors Harry Belafonte with activism award

**GREENWICH, Connecticut (AP)** — A Connecticut film festival has awarded entertainer and social activist Harry Belafonte for his humanitarian efforts.

The Greenwich Time reports that the Greenwich International Film Festival honored Belafonte with its first Changemaker Honoree award at a gala Satur-

day night.

Mia Farrow was also an honoree, but could not attend the gala due to a scheduling conflict.

Belafonte says he found the occasion thrilling. Festival organizers partnered with UNICEF and showed short films from the organization's OneMinuteJr. □





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